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MEMORANDUM FOR AMBASSADOR COLLINS

1. President Ngo Dinh Diem requested an interview with Colonel Lansdale tonight. When told that Colonel Lansdale was not free, the President asked me to see him instead, and I spoke with him briefly.

2. The President told me that he is ordering three fresh battalions from the Center to replace the troops in the city, who, he says, are tired out from being on constant alert. He expects the troops to arrive here 2 or 3 April.

3. The President informed General Ely this afternoon that he was taking this action.

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